

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Public Servants – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Smt Y. Lavanya, Agriculture Officer, O/o Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy district – Sanction of prosecution – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 68

Dated.11.08.2015.

ORDER :

1. Whereas Smt. Y. Lavanya worked as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy district from 28.06.2011 to 05.01.2015 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of Public Servant as defined under section 2 (C) of PC Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas it is alleged that the complainant Sri Sapavat Devaram S/o Jawaharlal, aged 24 years, Occ: Agriculture R/o H. No. 2-126, Yellamma Thanda village, Manchal Mandal, R.R. District has been un-employee and as per the advice of his relatives he decided to establish a fertilizers, pesticides and seeds shop at his house at Yellamma Thanda village in the month of March 2014. For that in the month of June 2014 he went to the Office of Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal (M), R.R. District and met Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer to apply for license. The Agriculture Officer has given a list of documents which are required to obtain license. Accordingly on 23.07.2014 he paid an amount Rs. 1,116/- to the Fertilizers, Pesticides and Seeds Dealers Welfare Association as a fee and obtained life membership certificate. Again, on 24.07.2014 he had obtained a National Savings Certificate worth Rs. 1,000/- from the Post Office, Ibrahimpatnam. After that he has taken Demand Drafts of Rs. 50/- and Rs. 300/- towards the license fee for the of licenses of Seeds and Pesticides respectively from SBH, Ibrahimpatnam. As he was not having money he has not taken DD of Rs. 1,150/- for the license fee of Fertilizers. During the 2nd week of August, he went to the Office of Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal along with NSC Bond, (2) Nos of DDs, Membership Card, House tax receipt, Aadhaar Card, Ration Card and Photos. Smt. Lavanya, Agriculture Officer after perusing the documents, filled up the application form for the licenses and obtained his signature on the application forms. Then she asked Sri Sapavat Devaram to come and meet her after one week. Since then, Sri Sapavat Devaram visited the office of Mandal Agriculture Officer for every twenty days and enquired his license, but the Agriculture Officer stated that his license was not yet received. During 2nd week of December 2014, Sri Sapavat Devaram met the Agriculture Officer Smt Lavanya at her office and enquired his license. The Agriculture Officer stated that his licenses for Seeds and Pesticides were received, and demanded that if he pays an amount of Rs. 4,000/- as a bribe to her then only she would hand over the license to him. He went away from the office not saying anything. Since then, Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer contacted Sri Sapavat Devaram over phone (4) times and demanded him to pay the bribe amount and take his licenses. Finally, on 02.01.2015 Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer contacted Sri Sapavat Devaram with her mobile number 8886613839 to the mobile number 9441318156 of Sri Sapavat Devaram and demanded him to pay the bribe amount and take over his licenses. When Sri Sapavat Devaram pleaded that he is not in a position to pay bribe amount, Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 2,000/- and vehemently stated that without payment of bribe amount, she would not hand over the Licenses. As, there was no alternative, he agreed and informed the Agriculture Officer that he would secure the bribe amount and meet her on 05.01.2015.

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3. And whereas Sri Sapavat Devaram is not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount to Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer, lodged a written complaint on 02.01.2015 at 1600 hours against Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer, with Dy. Supt of Police, ACB, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad requesting to take legal action against Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer, On receipt of the complaint, the DSP, ACB asked Sri Sapavat Devaram to come to the office of Inspector of Police, ACB, Ranga Reddy district situated at Ajanta gate, Exhibition Grounds, Hyderabad on 05.01.2015 at 0830 hrs along with the proposed bribe amount of Rs. 2,000/- which he intended to pay as bribe to Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer. The Dy. Supt. of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad Range, Hyderabad made confidential enquiries with regard to the genuineness of the complaint etc., and registered a case in Cr. No. 01/RCT-HR/2015 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 05.01.2015 at 0900 hours against Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer and organized a trap after following all the formalities stipulated for a trap.

4. And whereas on 05.01.2015 Smt Lavanya, Agriculture Officer, further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs. 2,000/- from Sri Sapavat Devaram at her office, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy dist. The Phenolphthalein test conducted on right hand fingers and the inner portion of inside zip pocket of Hand bag of Smt Y. Lavanya, Agriculture Officer which came into contact with the tainted currency notes yielded positive results. The tainted amount was recovered from the inner portion of inside zip pocket of Hand bag of Smt Y. Lavanya, Agriculture Officer at her instance in presence of the mediators.

5. And whereas the said acts of Smt Y. Lavanya, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy district constitute the offences punishable under section 7 & 13(1) (d) r/w 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Telangana being the Competent Authority to remove Smt Y. Lavanya, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy district from service, after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. First Information Report, Mediators Reports of pre and post trap and statements of witnesses placed before me and having applied the mind to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Smt Y. Lavanya, Agriculture Officer should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (b) of Sub- Section (1) of Sec. 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Telangana hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Smt Y. Lavanya, Mandal Agriculture Officer, Manchal Mandal, Ranga Reddy district for the above said offences punishable under section 7 & 13 (1) (d) r/w 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any provisions of law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said acts by a Court of Competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(C. PARTHA SARATHI)
APC & SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti- Corruption Bureau,
Telangana State, Hyderabad.